Vigorous reaforestation in forest areas cleared for Hill Paddy, etc. Organisation and development of a nucleus of forest reserves and museum attached to the Department. These are a few items.

Demand put and carried

34. Rs. 10,000 under "12—1—Forests B 8a"

Mr. S Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 10,000 for the payment of dearness allowance to the staff sanctioned for the fuel supply and development divisions.

Demand put and carried

35. Rs. 1,620 under "12—2—Tramway B1 b1"

36. Rs. 1,485 under "12—2—Tramway B2 b3"

37. Rs. 1,620 under "12—2—Tramway B2 d1"

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* I may be allowed to move the next three items together.

Mr. President: Yes.

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* It is anticipated that three lakhs of ballies and 20,000 telegraph posts will have to be supplied to the Military. It would increase the tramway service three times and an additional staff has to be entertained. A list of the staff to be entertained is given in the note to the Standing Finance Committee. There is no provision for this in the Budget as it was not anticipated. I request that a total amount of Rs. 4,725 may kindly be sanctioned.

Demands put and carried

Legislative Business—Government Bills

The Cochin Panchayat Bill

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, in presenting the Select Committee Report on the Cochin Panchayat Bill I move that the Bill as modified by the Select Committee be taken into consideration.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, there are certain amendments. We propose to discuss these amendments this evening so that the business might be expedited. I request the Chair to postpone the conidertaion of the Bill clause by clause to tomorrow.

Mr. President: Yes.

The Cochin Employment of Children Bill

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate—General):* Sir, I wish to present the Cochin Employment of Children Bill as reported on by the Select Committee and in presenting that report I wish to confine myself to a brief statement of facts so that the House may be appraised of the small changes made by the Select Committee, which sat to consider this Bill. Clause 3 of the bill which contemplated the prohibition of the employment of children who have not completed their 15th year in occupations connected with the transport of passengers, goods or mails by wailway was considered by the select committee to be rather too wide in its scope and therefore regard being had to local conditions and on account of the fact that some members of the select committee considered that certain people are earning their livelihood by such work, that clause has been deleted. Similiarly when we come to the schedule appended to this Act two small changes have been made. One is with regard to Beedi making. It was considered that there is no harm at all in cutting the leaves and similar work connected with Beedi making.

Then with regard to the manufacture of matches. In the Original bill children were pohibited from employment in the manufacture of matches, explosives and fireworks. The Select Comittee has taken away "matches" from the schedule. There is no harm in employing children in making the box and the pasting of paper which has nothing to do with the actual tipping of the sticks which alone is considered to be dangerous. The Select committee considered that there were a large number of children employed in this work and that they should not be divested of their means of livelihood regard being had to conditions prevailng in Trichur and ther places. The Select Committee resolved to make these three changes. I

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